



## **MINERAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 29, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

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### **B. ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT**

Ronald Chapman, Mayor

Michelle Covert, Vice Mayor

Bernice Kube (via Zoom)

Olivia Barrow

Rebecca McGehee

David Hempstead

JoAnna Von Arb

### **C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Discussion regarding water system and solutions.**

The Town Manager and Utilities Committee Chair explained the timeline of action once the violation letter was received as well as the corrective process.

The Town Manager asked that Council consider passing a resolution so that staff can work with Louisa County's staff relating to administrative services.

Motion to authorize the Town Manager to draft a resolution connecting town staff with the county staff as needed.

Motion made by Barrow, Seconded by Covert.

Voting Yea: Covert, Barrow, McGehee, Hempstead, Von Arb

Voting Abstaining: Kube

Staff will put out a "Can vs. Cannot" graphic instead of a formal statement.

Council and the Water Superintendent discussed the well status and output.

## **2. Discussion and action regarding Misuse of Authority by a Council Member.**

Eric Washington submitted a statement to Council on this matter.

Council discussed if Council Member Hempstead misused his authority by placing a DPOR complaint as David E. Hempstead, Councilman.

Council asked the Town Attorney to provide advise in open session. The Town Attorney provided Council options on how to proceed should they find misuse of authority.

Motion for two resolutions: 1) the Council recognizes that no individual member of this body has the authority on any matter to make a statement on behalf of this Council or the Town without direct prior authorization by vote of this Council; and 2) this Council does not support or claim to be a part of this complaint it was not filed on behalf of the Council and the matter was not voted on and therefore we are actively condemning that.

Motion made by Barrow.

Voting Yea: Covert, Kube, Barrow, McGehee, Von Arb

Voting Nay: Hempstead

Language for these resolutions will be voted on at the May meeting.

## **E. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Barrow, Seconded by Covert.